



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carl R. Stanford)
Serial No: 10/051,454) Art Unit
Confirmation No.: 6990) 3711
Filed: January 18, 2002)
For: FLEXURE RESISTANT BASE PLATE FOR A)
BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY)
Examiner: Michael S. Chambers)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention is patentable over the cited references, but respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the communication mailed on March 24, 2004. Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims in the above-identified application allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that makes it allowable.

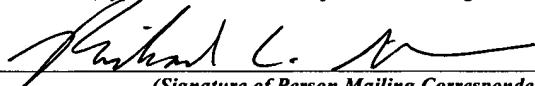
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| Invention: FLEXURE RESISTANT BASE PLATE FOR A BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY | | | | |
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